

Action Minutes
City of Sedona
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
City Council Chambers, Sedona City Hall, Sedona, AZ
Monday, August 10, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Verification of Notice, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order in the Vultee Conference Room by Chairman Unger at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners: Chairman Brynn Burkee Unger, Vice Chairman Greg Ruland and Commissioners Richard Mayer, Noreen Wienges; Marjorie Miller – excused.

Staff: Kathy Levin

Council Liaison: John Bradshaw

2. Public Forum for items not listed on the agenda--limit of three minutes per presentation (Note that the Commission may not discuss or make decisions on any matter brought forward by a member of the public).

The Chairman opened the public forum and having no requests to speak, closed the public forum.

3. Approval of the minutes of July 6, 2009 meeting.

Chairman Unger asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2009.

MOTION: Commissioner Ruland so moved. Commissioner Wienges seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion carried four (4) for and zero (0) opposed. (Miller excused).

4. Commission and Staff announcements

Staff announced that the Arizona State Historic Sites Review Committee meeting for the National Nomination of the Chapel of the Holy Cross will be held on Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Phoenix; received an application for Landmark Designation of “Arroyo Pinon Ranch” from William and Pamela Gunning; there have been three inquiries, one meeting, and two applications provided for the Historic Preservation Commission Small Grant program; and will be meeting with Ginger Wolstencroft to discuss a strategy for HPC member recruitment.

The Chairman stated that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors will consider designating Page Springs Road as an historic scenic area on August 17.

Commissioner Mayer brought attention to the framed blueprints of Howard Madole’s work and architect Don Woods’ earliest designs. These will be hung in the Community Development Department.

No legal action was taken.

5. Discussion/possible action on proposed revisions to the Land Development Code regarding the landmark designation criteria in §1507.03.

Staff provided an overview of the history of revisions to Article 15 of the Land Development Code stating that the commission's motion to approve revisions at the July 6, 2009 meeting did not cover the intent of the commission. Commissioners Ruland and Wienges worked on draft language, as follows:

"The commission shall evaluate each structure, site, building or property within an area that is included in an application and may designate it as a Landmark if it is determined to possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association; and, being at least 50 years old or having achieved significance within the past 50 years if the property is of exceptional importance; and exhibits one or more of the following:

- A. Association with events that have made significant contributions to the broad patterns of our history; or,
- B. Association with the lives of persons significant in our past; or,
- C. Embodiment of distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or representing the work of master, or high artistic values representing a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinctiveness; or,
- D. Information important in the understanding of pre-history or history of our community."

The commission agreed that the new language is well-written.

MOTION: Commissioner Ruland moved to recommend the proposed revisions to City Council regarding Article 15, Section 1507.03 for approval as read into the record. Commissioner Mayer seconded the motion. VOTE: Motion carried four (4) for and zero (0) opposed. (Miller excused)

6. Discussion/possible action on existing 28 ft. Stealth Monopole Style Telecommunications Facility located at Church of the Red Rocks to determine possible effects the facility may have on sites or structures of historic significance.

Commissioners and staff discussed the request to determine the effects of the existing facility. Staff stated that there are none. Commissioner Ruland asked if the Church of the Red Rocks were to be considered as a historic resource at a later date, would a finding of "no adverse effect" today give the telecommunications company a "free pass". Staff was unsure.

MOTION: Commissioner Ruland moved that the Historic Preservation Commission has determined that there are no possible effects of the existing 28' stealth monopole style telecommunications facility located at the Church of the Red Rocks on 54 Bowstring Drive, Sedona, AZ. on sites or structures of historic significance since there are none in the vicinity of this facility. Commissioner Wienges seconded the motion. VOTE: Motion carried three (3) for and one (1) opposed (Ruland opposed; Miller excused)

7. Discussion/possible action on highlights of the 2009 Arizona Historic Preservation Conference held June 18-20, 2009.

Kathy Levin discussed U.S. Dept. of Interior Standards # 9 and 10 as they relate to new additions to historic structures. The twin goals are to have the addition “compatible and distinctive” and “reversible”. Commissioner Wienges discussed the presentation by Alison King of Modern Phoenix on free items available on the worldwide web. These include “Community Walk; Facebook, Wikipedia and Flickr”. Commissioner Unger discussed the session she attended on LEEDS standards and how they provide little incentive to preserve existing historic structures. Interested residents in the Arcadia district in Phoenix are asking homeowners to not tear down their homes. Prop. 207 issues have dampened the ability to seek a historic district for the area. The lesson for Sedona is: Start small, one block at a time.

8. Discussion/possible action on 2008-09 Commission Work Plan and commissioner involvement in Work Plan tasks:

a. Education and Public Outreach

No discussion.

b. Survey Field Work

Chairman Unger and Kathy Levin will get together to discuss a strategy.

c. Madole Home landmark prospects

Kathy Levin reported that the Eilenbergs hosted a get-together with other Madole homeowners.

No legal action was taken.

9. Discussion/possible action on:

a. Prospects for designation of landmarks or historic districts

It was the consensus of the commission to discuss the work of architect Don Woods at the next regular meeting.

b. Certificates of Appropriateness

Chairman Unger will try to locate the identical plastic corrugated roofing material needed for the Dr. H.H. and Addie Nininger House. It was suggested the membership of Modern Phoenix might be able to help.

c. Updates to Historic Resource Survey

No discussion.

d. Condition of Landmarks or other historic properties

Discussion about the Art Barn-Sedona Art Center (George Jordan Packing Shed) concluded with a plan for the chairman and vice-chairman to meet with the Executive Director and possibly board members, and to attend an upcoming fall fund-raising event.

No legal action was taken.

10. Discussion/possible action on future meeting dates and future agenda items.

The Chairman indicated the next meetings will be held on Sept. 14, Oct. 12, November 2, and the joint meeting with City Council on November 9, and December 7. The Chairmain indicated that agenda items for the next meeting will include commission member assignments for possible landmark properties and discussion on the recruitment of new members.

8. Adjournment

The Chairman called for adjournment at 5:05 p.m., without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Levin, Associate Planner